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HISTORIC MOUNT OREAD FUND PLANS PROJECTS

LAWRENCE -- The Historic Mount Oread Fund at the University of Kansas recently presented bronze plaques for the 10 oldest buildings on KU's Lawrence campus.

The presentation was made at a meeting of Historic Fund supporters April 7 at Adams Alumni Center. The fund is administered by the Kansas University Endowment Association.

The plaques will be placed on Spooner, Stauffer-Flint, Dyche, Marvin, Lippincott, Bailey, Strong and Snow halls, Hoch Auditorium and Watson Library. Each plaque lists the name of the building, the building's architect and the date it was completed.

The fund supporters also agreed at the April meeting to raise money for a landscape project focusing on the threshold and lintel of North College, the university's first building. The landscaping will be placed near Gertrude Sellards Pearson and Corbin residence halls, adjacent to the North College site.

The funding group voted to go forward with the landscaping project and will continue to work with Mark L. Holdeman, landscape architect with Land Design Co., Kansas City, Mo.

The plan, which university officials have accepted, is expected to cost about \$70,000. A member of the historic group, Robert Rohde of Topeka and a member of the class of 1939, persuaded his class to support the landscaping project as the class gift celebrating its 50th anniversary. Last year, the class members raised more than \$4,000 to launch the project.

At the Historic Mount Oread Fund meeting, the group decided to break the project into phases so that part of it can be constructed as soon as possible.

The plaques were presented by Karen Gould of Lawrence, retiring president of the fund, and Dennis Farney of Kansas City, Mo., the new president.

The Historic Fund, founded in 1981, is devoted to the preservation of buildings, sites and amenities on the Lawrence campus.

"The special focus of the group is preservation of the landmark buildings on the campus," Farney said. "We're interested in preserving significant sites on campus."

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